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## United States Senate

February 20, 2018

Thomas DiNanno  
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
400 C Street SW, 3N  
Washington, DC 20472-3635

*Re: La Porte City/Township Regional AFG grant application -- DHS-17-GPD-044-00-99*

Dear Mr. DiNanno:

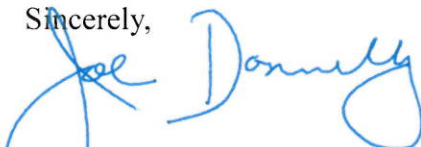
As Senator from the State of Indiana, I am working to ensure that all communities have the safety equipment needed to fully address the security of the area they serve. It can be especially challenging for small, interconnected communities to acquire the equipment needed to fully protect firefighters.

A group of volunteer fire departments from Kankakee, Center, Scipio and Springfield townships, along with fire departments from the cities of La Porte and Westville work together through mutual aid agreements and serve a population of approximately 66,000 residents. This group needs to replace its outdated Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated equipment without delay in order to provide its firefighters with the protection needed for fire and rescue calls. The purchase of new SCBA will not only provide protection that meets NFPA standards, but it will increase safety through the added benefit of interoperability.

If the group receives this grant, they will be able to purchase 147 new SCBA units, as well as the required accessories to ensure safe, reliable operation.

A well-equipped fire department is essential to the safety of our citizens. I encourage a favorable review of La Porte City/Township Regional grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is made. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at [Marianne\\_Black@donnelly.senate.gov](mailto:Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov) or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly  
United States Senator